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Military Information from Neubrandenburg

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26 June 1952

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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On 26 May 1952, the engineer unit vacated the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg (N 5h/O 66). It was unusual that the tank unit conducted driving practice only at night. Field fortifications for close defense were established around the barracks installation. 25X1X

Documents found at the Panzer Kaserne on 17 May 1952 included:

a. An envelope addressed to a soldier [redacted] postmarked 3 January 1952, examined by Censorship Office [redacted] and mailed from Moscow. 25X1B

b. A fragment of a training manual on tank parts and containing notes on radio techniques and the order of exchange of radio messages with tank and mechanized troops of the Soviet Army of 1949. [redacted] is mentioned at the end of the schedule. (2) 25X1B

2. On 26 May, 20 trucks with pontoons, 1 truck with hoisting gear, 2 trucks with motorboats and 10 other trucks were loaded on the spur track of the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg. [redacted]

[redacted] and the train departed at 3:15 p.m. the same day toward Leustrelitz (N 5h/U 5h). 25X1B

3. On 1 June, six JS tanks from the Panzer Kaserne were loaded at the Neubrandenburg-South railroad station. The officer supervising the loading had arrived in sedan [redacted] (1) 25X1B

4. Documents found in the Panzer Kaserne, Neubrandenburg, in May 1952 included:

a. An envelope addressed to a soldier [redacted] postmarked 3 April 1952, examined by Censorship Office [redacted] stamped [redacted] and written by a soldier [redacted] from the Isuriya railroad station, Chita Oblast, Transbaikalia. 25X1B

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- b. Five envelopes addressed to soldiers [redacted] 25X1B
The first envelope was postmarked 11 January 1952, stamped [redacted] 25X1B
[redacted] and mailed from the Stalingrad Oblast. The second envelope was
postmarked 21 November 1951, stamped [redacted] and mailed from the 25X1B
Tambov Oblast. The third envelope was postmarked 21 January 1952,
the fourth envelope was postmarked 21 October 1951, and the fifth
envelope was postmarked 12 January 1952.
- c. An envelope addressed to a soldier, postmarked 21 November 1951,
examined by Censorship Office [redacted] and mailed from the Bryansk 25X1B
Oblast.
- d. A letter by a student of the PZO factory school from Sverdlovsk, dated
6 April 1952 and mentioning that the student will have to work with
the PZO another year before he will be inducted to the army. (3)

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- [redacted] 5. On 23 and 24 May 1952, source learned from an innkeeper in the Burg-
stargard area south of Neubrandenburg that a restricted area extending as
far as the Alt-Kaschlich-Burgstargard area was located along the Neu-
brandenburg-Burgstargard road south of Neubrandenburg. Broad white marks
placed a distance of 1.5 meters from each other and numerous tracks of
motor vehicles were seen on Highway No 96 about 2,000 meters north of
Krickow at a point where a field-path branched off the highway to the
southeast. The same marks were seen at the intersection of the highway and
a dirt road running to the Tollense Lake, 1,000 meters north of Krickow.
Truck [redacted] towing a truck [redacted] was seen there. A 25X1B
convoy of 20 trucks [redacted] and 1 25X1B
truck [redacted] drove along Highway No 96 toward Krickow from
the direction of Neubrandenburg. (4)

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- (1) This is the first information on field fortifications for close defense in
the Panzer Kaserne. It is occupied by the unidentified Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt
of the 9th Gds Tank Div and by the 413th Indep Pon Bridge Bn of the Second
Gds Mecz Army. Similar observations were made at the Adler Kaserne and
Keeven Kaserne in Loebnitz at the beginning of May 1952 by another source.
The loading of the above-mentioned engineer battalion on 25 and 27 May 1952
and the battalion's departure to Jerichow in three shipments were previously
reported by another source. [redacted] Sedan [redacted] 25X1B
observed with the officer in charge of the loading reported in paragraph 3
belongs to the 1st Mecz Div.
- (2) [redacted] confirms the unidentified Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 9th Gds Tank
Div in Neubrandenburg until 3 April 1952. [redacted] was on several docu- 25X1B
ments found in Neustrelitz; it belongs to an unidentified unit of the 9th
Gds Tank Div.
- (3) [redacted] belongs to an unidentified unit in Lauriya, Chita Oblast, Trans-
baikal-Arur MD. [redacted] confirms the unidentified Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt
of the 9th Gds Tank Div in Neubrandenburg until 3 April 1952. [redacted] 25X1B
according to a document of March 1947, belonged to the 1st Army Pon
Bridge Construction Regt of the 68th Arty Brig at the time. Neither unit
was known in World War II. [redacted] once identified in November 1950
in connection with a shipment of timber in Loebnitz. The 413th Indep
Pon Bridge Bn in Neubrandenburg has hitherto been carried as component of
the Second Gds Mecz Army. This hypothesis was based on a ration allowance
card of July 1948 found in Neubrandenburg and carrying the open designa-
tion of the unit. [redacted] This battalion is not known. No information
is yet available on the organization of the army engineer units of the
mechanized armies. However, it is conceivable that each army is assigned

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one engineer regiment with two or, possibly, three battalions. In World War II, almost exclusively engineer brigades existed under which independent battalions were subordinate. It is possible that these brigades were reorganized as regiments in 1947, and that the battalions retained their character. Therefore, it is possible that the former 68th Engr Brig may now belong to the Second Gds Necz Army as 88th Engr Regt and the former 1st Pz Bridge Regt may now be subordinate to the 88th Engr Regt as 1st Pz Bridge Bn, retaining its [REDACTED] How-
 ever, there must still be doubts as to whether the battalion has [REDACTED] or whether two battalions [REDACTED] are in existence at present. Fairly reliable observations in Neubrandenburg indicated only an engineer battalion is located there and as most probably having one of the two aforementioned [REDACTED]

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(h) The training area is located east of Tollense Lake and appears to extend from the northern tip of the lake as far as Forst Rowa. The area is known from a command-post exercise, involving among other elements of the Third Shock Army, in February 1952. The area of the Tollense Lake, especially that along the Oerback which, according to an unforwarded rough sketch, flows into northern tip of the lake near the Worderbruch, was used as engineer training site also by units of the Second Gds Necz Army. [REDACTED] in the present report belong to the 9th Gds Tank Div, partly to the 234th Mort Regt of this division. This information confirms the report of another source according to which the regiment has been in the Neubrandenburg area for training since late April 1952. The practices were to last until mid-July 1952. [REDACTED]

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